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Appln. No.: 10/014,521

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For: DAMPER ASSEMBLY WITH TORQUE LIMITER

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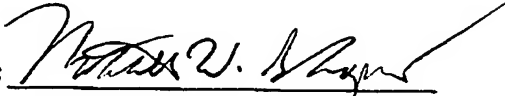
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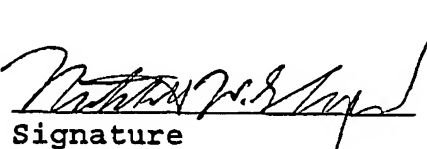
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Replying to the notice (copy enclosed) mailed January 22, 2002, Applicants submit herewith a Declaration and a check for \$170.00 covering the required surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) (\$130) and the recording fee (\$40) for recordation of the accompanying Assignment.

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The USPTO requests that applicant provide a copy of the above-identified papers (except for any U.S. or foreign patent documents submitted with the above-identified papers) with a statement that such copy is a complete and accurate copy of the above-identified papers (signing and returning a copy of this notice will provide such a statement). The reply to this letter should be submitted to the USPTO by facsimile at the number indicated .

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The enclosed papers are a complete and accurate copy of the above-identified papers.

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
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